

Application No.: 09/787,831
Amendment Dated: August 9, 2004
Reply to Office Action of: March 9, 2004

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Docket No.: C013929/0123411

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Catia BASTIOLI *et al.*)
Serial No.: 09/787,831) Examiner: K. U. RAJGURU
Filed: June 15, 2001) Art Unit: 1711
For: **POLYMERS OF A HYDROPHOBIC**)
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New York, New York
August 9, 2004

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A two-month extension of time to respond is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before August 9, 2004. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$210.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. It is not believed that this response incurs any other fees, however if any fees are due please charge any required extension-of-time fees or other fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this Response, and contain a complete listing of the claims as required.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this Response.